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POST-BELGRAD MEDITERRANEAN AND INFORMATION MEETINGS

SUMMARY: WE TRANSMIT BELOW TEXTS FOR POST-BELGRADE MEETINGS ON MEDITERRANEAN AND INFORMATION PROBLEMS INTRODUCED AT FEBRUARY 28 PLENARY BY MALTESE AND SWISS REPS RESPECTIVELY, WITH UNDERSTANDING THAT THEY MIGHT BE CONSIDERED AS, IN EFFECT, PROPOSALS TO AMEND SHORT WESTERN DRAFT CONCLUDING DOCUMENT. END SUMMARY.

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT PROPOSED INFORMALLY BY MALTESE ON MEDITERRANEAN:

BEGIN TEXT: TO CONVENE AT THE INVITATIION OF THE GOVERN-MENT OF MALTA A MEETING IN VALETTA STARTING ON 6TH FEBRURARY 1979. THIS WOULD CONSTITUTE AN EXTENDED DIALOGUE WITH THE NON-PARTICIPATING MEDITERRANEAN STATES WITHIN THE CSCE PROCESS, WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF JOINTLY EXAMINING POSSIBILITIES AND MODALITIES FOR GIVING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EFFECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE MEDITERRANEAN CHAPTER OF THE FINAL ACT, AND OF IDENTIFYING SECTORS OF MUTALLY BENEFICIAL CO-OPERATION IN ECONOMIC, COMMERICIAL, SCIENTIFIFIC AND CULTURAL FIELDS, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT EXISTING INITIATIVES. END TEXT.

2. COMMENT: MALTESE REP PUT THIS PROPOSAL FORWARD AS A

COMPROMISE WHICH, HE SAID, REFLECTED BROAD CONSENSUS THAT DEVELOPED IN MEDITERRANEAN DRAFTING GROUP OVER PAST FEW WEEKS. IT DOES MARK A MALTESE RETREAT FROM ORIGINAL POSITION THAT A PERMANENT COMMITTEE WITH FULL NON-PARTICIPATING MEDITERRANEAN STATE MEMBERSHIP MUST BE ESTABLISHED TO DEAL WITH REGIONAL POLITICAL/SECURITY PROBLEMS. MALTESE PROPOSAL NONETHELESS STILL GOES FURTHER THAN OTHER DELS HAD PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSEDNTHEM SELVES AS BEING ABLE TO GO, EVEN IN CONTEXT OF A BALANCED. SUBSTANTIVE CONCLUDING DOCUMENT. "OBJECTIVE OF JOINTLY EXAMINING POSSIBILITIES AND MODALITIES FOR GIVING EFFECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE MEDITERRANEAN CHAPTER OF THE FINAL ACT" OPENS UP MANDATE TO POLITICAL/SECURITY ASPECTS. MALTESE PROPOSE NOT A MEETING OF "EXPERTS", BUT SIMPLY A "MEETING" WHICH MIGHT PRESUMABLY BE AT A HIGHER POLITICAL LEVEL. PHRASE "THIS WOULD CONSTITUTE AN EXTENDED DIALOGUE" LEAVES VAGUE BOTH THE DURATION OF THE MEETING AND THE DEGREE OF PARTICIPATION BY THE SOUTHERN LITTORAL STATES END COMMENT.

3. FOLLOWING IS TEXT PROPOSED INFORMALLY BY SWISS REP FOR EXPERTS MEETING ON INFORMATION PROBLEMS: BEGIN TEXT: IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT FURTHER THE OBJECTIVES OF THE FINAL ACT IN THE FIELD OF INFORMATION, A MEETING OF EXPERTS OF THE PARTICIPATING STATES WILL BE COVENED ONIN........WITH THE AIM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF PREPARING A CONVENTION ON THE WORKING CONDITIONS OF FOREIGN JOURNALISTS AND OF ELABORATING SPECIFIC MEASURES FOR THE WIDER DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF THE FINAL ACT AND ON THE BASIS OF PROPOSLAS MADE AT THE BELGRADE MEETING. END TEXT.

4. COMMENT: TEXT IS VERY CLOSE TO THAT CONTAINED IN YUGOSLAV PAPER OF FEBRUARY BUT MORE LIBERAL THAN THAT OF ROMANIAN PAPER INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 28 (SEPTEL). IT MAINTAINS IDEA THAT EXPERT WOULD SEEK T PREPARE A CONVENTION, WHICH ROMANIAN DRAFT WEAKENED TO A STUDY OF POSSIBILITIES. IT ALSO GIVES EXPERTS MANDATE TO ELABORATE SPECIFIC MEASURES FOR "WIDER DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION", AS IN YUGOSLAV PAPER. BY CONTRAST, ROMANIAN PAPER AUTHROIZES EXPERTS TO "EXAMINE.. THE DISSEMINATION OF PRINTED INFORMATION." END COMMENT. GOLDBERG

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